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PLACE: East West Towers, Bethesda, MD

DATE: February 27, 1996

SUBJECT: Interagency Coordination of Fire Estimates

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:

Steven Hill, U.S. Fire Administration
Alex Furr, U. S. Fire Administration
John Ottoson, U.S. Fire Administration
Brad Pabody, U.S. Fire Administration
Stan Stewart, U.S. Fire Administration
John Hall, National Fire Protection
Association

Pauline Harvey, Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Philip Schaenman, TriData

Maureen Cislo, Product Safety Letter

CPSC ATTENDEES:

Mary Ann Danello, Epidemiology & Health
Sciences

Robert Frye, Epidemiology & Health
Sciences

James Hoebel, Engineering Sciences

Kim Long, Epidemiology & Health Sciences

Linda Smith, Epidemiology & Health
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Linda Rieff, Epidemiology & Health
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SUBJECT: This meeting was called to discuss the methodologies that each agency uses to develop fire estimates, with the intention of arriving at agreed-upon estimates for selected fire categories. One of the issues discussed was the need to provide complete descriptors for every estimate provided. This would reduce confusion by allowing readers to understand why estimates are different, e.g. time period covered, data source, and subsets of categories. It was agreed that we would try to develop a statement providing guidance on this subject.

We agreed to work on common estimates for the following categories: residential structure fires, non-residential structure fires, vehicle fires and other fires. For each of these categories, we will compare estimates for fires, deaths (fire service and civilian estimates), injuries (fire service and civilian) and estimated loss. Estimates from each agency will be compiled and methodologies compared if estimates differ. Linda Smith agreed to work on this compilation and disseminate it for comment.

A decision on a follow-up meeting will be made after this task



has been completed.

A discussion by the U.S. Fire Administration regarding their efforts to develop a revised Fire Incident Reporting System followed. They hope that the new system will be ready for adoption in some states in 1998. They are working on a utility program to help users analyze trend data in the two systems.